Sanitation by private companies

†2181. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have decided to take services of private companies for sanitation work in passenger trains and at railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of railway stations for which decision has been taken to get sanitation work done by private companies at first instance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes,Sir.

(b) The work of cleaning and sanitation of passenger coaches on through passing trains at Ratlam station of Western Railway has been awarded to M/s Eureka Forbes Pvt. Ltd. Contract for cleaning at Railway stations have been awarded to private parties at some Railway Stations by the Zonal Railways based on the need at the particular location, feasibility availability of service provider etc. The Zonal Railways have been empowered to undertake such activities at important stations with in their jurisdiction.

(c) At the first instance, only Ratlam station has been taken up for contractor based cleaning of coaches on through trains with a view to establish the norms for such work being taken up on contract. Thereafter, fourteen other stations have been identified where such work will be taken up through private companies with expertise in this field.

Rail lines connecting major cities of Karnataka

2182. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN:
SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many new rail lines

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connecting major cities of Karnataka with neighbouring States have been approved in Railways budgets but very meagre amount was allocated for work;

(b) if so, whether any time frame-has been fixed by railways for completion of these projects; and

(c) if so, the details of such projects and reasons for very less allocation of amount to these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The funds for various ongoing projects in the state is being provided based on a rational formula announced in the budget 2002-2003. Accordingly, funds for new line projects in the state have also been provided keeping in view the availability of resources and considering the requirement of various projects.

New line from Hassan to Sharavanbelagola has been targeted for completion during 2003-2004. No other target has so far been fixed for new line projects in the State.

Beautification of suburban railway stations in Mumbai

2183. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has identified some of the suburban local railway stations for beautification in Mumbai; and

(b) if so, the names of the Stations and the details of the Plan for each station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Panvel,Chembur, Kalyan, Govandi& Dadar have specifically been taken up during 2003-2004 for beautification by providing gardens at ends of the platform. Apart from these, beautification works are in progress at Churchgate, Mumbai Central, Mahalaxmi, Grant Road, Bandra, Bandra Terminus, Andheri, Goregaon and Borivali stations.